

## Today's Specials At THE ROYAL DRUG CO.

Palm Olive Soap, 4 cakes.....	25¢
Peroxide Hydrogen, regular 25c size.....	15¢
Fountain Syringe, regular \$1.50.....	75¢
Hot Water Bottle, regular \$1.50.....	75¢
Pin Ton Chocolates, regular 75c.....	50¢
Buttermilk Chocolates, regular \$1.00.....	65¢

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### CHRISTMAS MAIL WENT QUICKLY TO ENTIRE COUNTRY

In Spite of Bad Weather De-  
livery of Incredibly Heavy  
Volume of Packages and  
Letters Was Made.

The fact that heavy autumn rains pre-  
vented full advantage being taken of  
the favorable situation created by our  
advantage at a time when we had good  
ground for hoping to achieve more  
important successes. Verdun had  
been relieved, the main German  
forces had been held on the western  
front, and the enemy's strength had  
been considerably worn down. Any  
one of these three results is in itself  
sufficient to justify the Somme bat-  
tle. The attainment of all three af-  
fords ample compensation for the  
sacrifices made. They have  
brought us a long step toward final  
victory.

#### Importance of Verdun.

"The struggle for Verdun had in-  
vested that place with a moral and po-  
litical importance out of all propor-  
tion to its military value. Its fall in-  
doubtedly would have shaken the faith  
of many in our ultimate success. The  
failure of the enemy to capture it,  
despite great efforts and heavy losses,  
was a severe blow to his prestige."

"Information obtained both during  
the progress of the Somme battle and  
since the suspension of active opera-  
tions has fully established the effect of  
our offensive in keeping the enemy's  
main forces tied to the western front.  
In November the strength of the  
enemy in the western theater was  
greater than in July, notwithstanding  
the abandonment of the offensive at  
Verdun.

There is nevertheless sufficient  
evidence to place beyond doubt that  
the enemy's losses in men and ma-  
terial were very considerably higher  
than those of the allies, while morally  
the balance of advantage on our side  
is still greater. During the period  
under review a steady deterioration  
took place in the morale of large numbers  
of the enemy's troops. Many of  
them, it is true, fought with the greatest  
determination, even in the latest  
encounters, but the resistance of even  
larger numbers became latterly de-  
finitely more feeble than in the early  
stages of the battle.

Aided by the great depth of his de-  
fenses and by frequent reliefs which  
his resources of men enabled him to  
effect, disciplining and training held  
the machine together sufficiently to en-  
able the enemy to rally and reorganize  
its troops after each fresh defeat, but  
toward the end of the operations, when  
the weather unfortunately  
turned, there is no doubt that his power  
of resistance very seriously diminished."

#### Weather Handicap.

General Haig frequently touches on  
the handicap of the weather. In mid-  
October came the allies' great chance  
ready to break through the German  
lines.

"We had at last," writes General  
Haig, "reached the stage at which a  
successful attack might reasonably be  
expected to yield much greater results  
than anything we had yet attained. The  
resistance of the troops opposed to us had  
so far been weakened in the course of recent operations and there  
is no reason to suppose that the effort  
required was not in our powers. Unfortunately, at this juncture very  
unfavorable weather set in and continued with scarcely a break during  
the remainder of October and the early part of November.

Poor visibility seriously interfered  
with the work of the artillery and  
constant rain turned the mass of  
hastily dug trenches into channels of  
deep mud. The country roads, broken by countless shell craters, rapidly be-  
came impassable, making the supply  
of food stores and ammunition a serious  
problem. These conditions multi-  
plied the difficulties of attack to such  
an extent that it was impossible to  
exploit the situation with the rapidity  
necessary to enable us to reap to the  
full the advantage we had gained."

#### Jap Artist Rescued.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 29.—Takao  
Shioya, a Japanese artist, residing in  
New York, who yesterday was lost in  
the Dismal swamp, was rescued from  
the wilderness late today. He suffered  
considerably from exposure and  
hunger.

#### Peace Note Delivered.

Stockholm, Dec. 28 (via London).—  
K. A. Wallenberg, foreign minister of  
Sweden, today handed to Mr. Nelson  
Morris, the American minister to the  
Scandinavian countries, peace note  
to the belligerents, for transmission to  
Washington. When Mr. Morris deliv-  
ered President Wilson's note to Mr.  
Wallenberg on December 21, the  
Swedish minister evaded giving his  
assent to the desire for peace, and the  
note handed to Mr. Morris reflects  
on the feeling prevailing throughout  
Scandinavia.

#### Canadian Postmaster Dies.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 29.—Charles E.  
Cochrane, postmaster general of Can-  
ada, died of pneumonia here today.  
He was born in Detroit in 1852.

## LONDON WEEKLY PAPER DEFENDS THE PRESIDENT

Nation's Says Wilson Peace  
Note Has Been Stupidly Re-  
ceived by British Press and  
Is Wholly Misunderstood.

BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE  
London, Dec. 29.—The Weekly Na-  
tion, in referring to President Wil-  
son's note asking what the belligerents'  
powers require for the conclusion of  
peace, takes the view that Mr. Wil-  
son is overrating and performing the  
duty laid upon a neutral by the  
Bogue convention, and says that his  
recommendation has been stupidly re-  
ceived by the British press. President  
Wilson knows enough of history and  
of human nature not to be disengaged  
by the fact that his effort to do  
the belligerents a good turn has been  
misunderstood by one side, and  
exaggerated by the other. The Nation adds,  
"It is open to the critics of the note  
that the Nation continues, 'It is impor-  
tant or obscure, but it is impossible  
for them to deny that behind the note  
lies the greatest material force that  
the war has left standing. They may  
find it harder to realize the entirely  
reassuring truth that his power is  
formally enlisted to secure the world's  
freedom."

"When a pearl fire is rising, a  
planter has the right and duty to look  
to his own interests. A confirmation  
enveloping human society is in  
domestic heat, as with all its inherent  
inequities to mankind," was the  
American civil war. The war is a  
flame which daily devours or de-  
nigrates the world's stock of labor,  
food, raw materials and implements  
of industry, including America's share  
of these necessities, while at least one  
of its possible and early developments  
threatens her peace.

#### Passion for Human Welfare.

"But we do want courtesy to Mr.  
Wilson's presentation if we treat it as  
a place of mutual option and write  
out from its measured sentence their  
reasoned passion for human welfare."

The Nation, carefully analyzing the  
note, declares that it is completely de-  
void of offense to the entente allies,  
and proceeds to argue that if Germany  
is willing to abandon the idea of  
mastering Europe, and will drop de-  
sires of annexations and exploitation,  
she can take her place in the society of  
nations, the body President Wilson  
seeks for peace has been found. The  
article thinks that the entente allies  
have no quarrel with a note seeking  
to end an intermediate war, which  
might tempt the allies to commit  
themselves to a punishment of Ger-  
many not, maybe, exceeding her de-  
serts, but well in advance of what  
they have the power to inflict without  
calling up an equally heavy penalty  
on their own heads.

"If there is a force behind Pres-  
ident Wilson," the Nation continues,  
"we arrest the war at the point of a  
security and fix it there; the govern-  
ment may not know what to say  
about it, but millions of fathers and  
mothers will call it blessed."

#### DIEGUEZ IN COMMAND AGAINST VILLISTAS

BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE  
Mexico City, Dec. 29.—Gen. Manuel  
M. Dieguez, governor of the state of  
Jalisco, tonight was appointed to the  
supreme command of all the con-  
tingent forces in the southern part  
of the state of Chiapas by Gen-  
eral Gómez, the minister of war. He was  
given special command of the Laguna  
district, embracing Torreón, which  
means that General Dieguez, who has  
had a brilliant military record on the  
west coast, will have chief command  
in the campaign against Villa.

Gen. Severiano Talamantes, who  
was in command at Torreón when the  
town was captured by followers of  
Villa, committed suicide at the result  
of his defeat. He was buried today  
with all the honors of war.

The war department reports that few  
prisoners were taken in the fighting around  
Torreón and that virtually no quarter  
was given.

Gen. Pablo de la Garza, who has  
been on leave of absence from his  
post as military commandant and governor  
of the state of Nuevo Leon, of which  
Monterrey is the chief city, has  
been ordered to return to his post im-  
mediately. General Dieguez is ex-  
pected to have Guadalajara at once  
to take command in Chihuahua. It will  
be a new service between here and Lerdo,  
which was suspended some days ago,  
will be resumed tomorrow.

TRYING TO DISCOVER SNIPERS,  
El Paso, Tex., Dec. 29.—Gen. Jose  
Murguia, commanding at Juarez, sent  
a detachment of Carrancista soldiers to  
a point opposite the Kentucky guard  
outpost at Harts mill, on the western  
edge of El Paso, with instructions to  
strengthen themselves and try to dis-  
cover who has been guilty of sniper-  
ing at the Americans. It was officially an-  
nounced in Juarez late today. The  
troopers, General Murguia explained,  
are for purely defensive purposes, so  
that the men would not be tempted to  
answer back if firing started. Their  
duty will be to apprehend any Mexi-  
can civilians caught shooting across  
the Rio Grande.

APPOINT HARGADINE RECEIVER,  
St. Louis, Dec. 29.—Henry S. Caul-  
field today was appointed receiver for  
the Hargadine-McKittick Dry Goods  
company, which has been in process  
of liquidation nearly two years.

The Hargadine-McKittick com-  
pany was one of the oldest wholesale  
dry goods firms in the southwest,  
with a capitalization of about \$5,000,-  
000.

WABASH DECLARIES DIVIDENDS,  
New York, Dec. 29.—The Wabash  
Railway company today declared an  
additional quarterly dividend of 1 per  
cent on its preferred "A" stock.

## ATTORNEYS WILL DECIDE ON ISSUE OF INDICTMENTS

Comparison of Investigations  
of Thirteen States on Food  
and Fuel Prices Made in  
New York.

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New York, Dec. 29.—Whether indictments  
are to be sought against food and fuel speculators probably  
will be determined at a meeting of thirteen United States district attorneys from Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, held  
here today. The attorneys plan to compare the results of their several investigations into the rise in price of food and fuel.

George W. Anderson, United States  
district attorney of Massachusetts,  
who presided, announced that he had  
arranged for systematic co-operation  
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and the department of justice in regard  
to delays in unloading cars.

"There has been abuse of re-  
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loading cars," he said. "We regard as  
evident the failure of coal dealers  
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sums of \$155,000,000 of Panama  
bonds for army and navy expenses  
\$10,000,000 under the shipping ac-  
tions for the proposed nitrate plant,  
and \$25,000,000 to pay for the Danish  
West Indies, or a total of \$229,000,-  
000.

Treasury officials today figured that  
the plan of Representative Garner, of  
Texas, to be pressed by him in con-  
nection, for a 10 per cent ad valorem  
on all imports now free and 5 per cent  
increase on all articles now dutiable,  
would add \$265,639,895 to the revenues  
for the period between March  
1, next, and July 1, 1918, provided  
imports continue at the present rate.

Strong opposition to this plan already  
is apparent.

#### SWITZERLAND

## COUNCIL WILL SUPPORT NOTE

Has No Intention of Interfering  
in Neutral Proposals,  
According to Swiss Presi-  
dent.

BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE  
Zurich, Dec. 29 (via Paris).—President  
Schönen of Switzerland has ex-  
plained the part played by his  
country in the recent steps in favor  
of peace in an interview with Signer  
Quater, editor of the *Resto del Carne*.  
President Schönen is quoted as saying:

"Such a policy, said he, would insure  
a higher degree of stability in gov-  
ernment, afford an opportunity for a  
permanent career in public service,  
and would abolish forever the split  
system of government."

He was present in his address by  
Carl Vrooman, assistant secretary of  
commerce, who said much had been  
accomplished in the interests of the  
former since 1912, thus during the  
half-century before.

Prof. Maurice Smith, Columbia univer-  
sity, was chosen president of the  
American Political association at a  
brief business session.

#### One Term Plan Wanted.

Mexico City, Dec. 29.—The consti-  
tutionalist liberal party, which first  
nominated General Carranza for the  
Presidency, today issued a manifesto,  
stating that General Carranza, for a  
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#### Colorado Teacher Lost in Storm.

Estes Park, Colo., Dec. 29.—Miss  
Marion Small, member of the Colorado  
Mountain club and teacher in Long-  
mont, Colo., public schools, was found  
this morning after being lost on a  
mountain peak in Estes Park in severe  
weather for many hours yesterday and  
last night. Miss Small is thought to  
owe her life to the fact that when she  
became exhausted from the rigors of  
snow shoe travel she "dug herself in"  
beside a log. Snow drifted over  
her and it was with the aid of dogs  
that park guards and others found  
her unconscious. She will recover.

#### Louisiana Oil Advances.

Shreveport, La., Dec. 29.—All pipe  
line companies operating in the north-  
west Louisiana field passed an ad-  
vance of 10 cents per barrel on all  
grades of crude oil today. This is the  
sixth advance since November 29 last.  
The prices posted today are: Caddo  
light, \$1.40; De Soto, \$1.30; Red  
River, \$1.40.

#### Embarcations on Cotton Lifted.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 29.—Four  
million dollars' worth of cotton that  
has been tied up in warehouses here  
for several weeks as a result of east-  
ern embargoes, began moving out of  
Little Rock and other Arkansas points  
today as a result of the modification  
of the embargoes according to an  
announcement of railroad officials  
here. The shipments represent 40,000 bales

## BOND ISSUE TO RAISE REVENUE SEEMS PROBABLE

President Wilson Gives Ap-  
proval to Tentative Plan to  
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